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## **06/06/2012 Minutes**

### **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved Sept. 5, 2012

Meeting date: June 6, 2012      Prepared by: Elizabeth Karpati  
Present: Ann LeRoyer, Chair; Joey Glushko, Michele Hassler, Elizabeth Karpati, David White.  
Absent: Jane Auger, Teresa DeBenedictis, Lisa Decker, Patsy Kraemer, Leslie Mayer.

#### **General / Announcements:**

- The minutes of the May meeting, as prepared by Patsy and edited by Ann, were approved.
- There will be a meeting tomorrow at the Arlington Center for the Arts on arts, culture, and economic development. It ties into the upcoming master planning process, which will have its first public meeting on October 17.
- The next presentation on stormwater issues will be next Tuesday at Town Hall..
- The 20th anniversary celebration of the Friends of Spy Pond Park, which was rained out last weekend, will be held on Saturday.
- The Vision 2020 year-end celebration (potluck) will be held at the Senior Center on June 19.
- Town Day will be on September 15. Ann has reserved a table for OSC.
- Joey noted that the Vision 2020 goals were adopted by Town Meeting, so that removing the word "limited" (referring to the amount of open space in Arlington) from the environmental goal, as suggested at an earlier meeting, would require a Town Meeting vote.

"Walking in Arlington": Work on the revision of the book is progressing. We should have it ready in time to list it as an accomplishment in the next Open Space Plan. It will be put on line as well as printed. If it can be made downloadable to a smartphone, people could use the information while walking.

Open Space Plan: The next version is due in 2014, so that we need to start to work on it this fall. Joey will check whether any of the specifications have changed

Mill Brook: Steve Makowka of the Historic District Commission, who lives near Cooke's Hollow, wants to help with the linear park idea, especially as it involves Cooke's Hollow.

Arlington Catholic High School: The artificial turf at the athletic field is being installed. There may be a walking trail at the back of the field near Mill Brook.

The Reservoir Habitat garden looks good. Some planting was done in April. The next work day is scheduled for June 17. Test pieces of two kinds of fencing will be put up.

Rain gardens: The one at Spy Pond Park looks good. Joey is awaiting plans for the next ones, which will probably be located at the Hardy School and Hurd Field.

The Cemetery has found a little more space from clearing some buried building debris and relocating some water pipes. It plans to build a columbarium (a low wall) for cremains and create a "green burial" area for cremains in biodegradable containers so that the space can be eventually reused.

Dog Park at Thorndike Field: Some dog owners are complaining that the peastone used is hard on the dogs' paws.

The Garden Club has found sponsors to take care of all the traffic islands.

Busa Farm and Symmes: No new information. Farming is now going on at Busa.